

## REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has canceled Claim 8. Claims 1-5 remain.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that allowed claims, namely, Claims 1 – 5, are in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

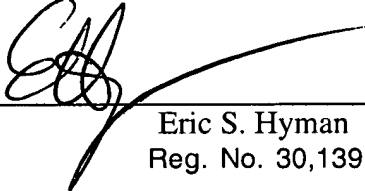
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 2, 2004

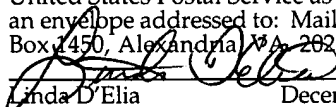
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